



WORTHINGTON

Hampshire County



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NARRATIVE

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Founded in 1768, Worthington is now a closely knit community of 1,200. Uniquely situated between Northampton and Pittsfield, Worthington offers a wide variety of activities for visitors and residents alike, including golf course, cross-country skiing, several restaurants and numerous bed and breakfast homes. The annual Sevenar's Concerts attract music enthusiasts from throughout the New England-New York region. With a deep sense of its history, coupled with a commitment to a small community lifestyle, the citizens of Worthington feels theirs is a great place in which to live.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

western Massachusetts, bordered by Cummington on the north, Chesterfield on the east, Chester on the south, and Middlefield and Peru on the west. Worthington is 23 miles east of Pittsfield and 115 miles west of Boston.

Total Area: 32.10 sq. miles

Land Area: 32.06 sq. miles

Population: 1,156

Density: 36 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Cummington Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....19.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....67.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Worthington, Chester

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 238-5577

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1768

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 760

Democrats 186 24.5 % Republicans 127 16.7 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 447 58.8 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Worthington town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	1,270	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	1,270	100.0
Male.....	629	49.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	13	1.0
Female.....	641	50.5	Mexican.....	-	-
Under 5 years.....	59	4.6	Puerto Rican.....	3	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	76	6.0	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	108	8.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	10	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	104	8.2	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,257	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	44	3.5	White alone.....	1,240	97.6
25 to 34 years.....	103	8.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	237	18.7	Total population.....	1,270	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	252	19.8	In households.....	1,270	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	87	6.9	Householder.....	503	39.6
60 to 64 years.....	60	4.7	Spouse.....	306	24.1
65 to 74 years.....	64	5.0	Child.....	373	29.4
75 to 84 years.....	62	4.9	Own child under 18 years.....	294	23.1
85 years and over.....	14	1.1	Other relatives.....	31	2.4
Median age (years).....	41.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	10	0.8
18 years and over.....	959	75.5	Nonrelatives.....	57	4.5
Male.....	461	36.3	Unmarried partner.....	32	2.5
Female.....	498	39.2	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	913	71.9	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	173	13.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	140	11.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	68	5.4	Total households.....	503	100.0
Female.....	72	5.7	Family households (families).....	363	72.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	160	31.8
One race.....	1,256	98.9	Married-couple family.....	306	60.8
White.....	1,248	98.3	With own children under 18 years.....	127	25.2
Black or African American.....	4	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	38	7.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	1	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	21	4.2
Asian.....	3	0.2	Nonfamily households.....	140	27.8
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	107	21.3
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	40	8.0
Filipino.....	1	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	168	33.4
Japanese.....	2	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	106	21.1
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.52	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.96	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	582	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	503	86.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	79	13.6
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	60	10.3
Some other race.....	-	-	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	14	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	-	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	503	100.0
White.....	1,262	99.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	445	88.5
Black or African American.....	8	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	58	11.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	11	0.9	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.64	(X)
Asian.....	5	0.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.67	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	1	0.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State	0
Conventional Federal	0

Rental Assistance (DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP)	0
Federal (Section 8)	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Worthington is located between the Berkshires and the Pioneer Valley. Public roads and highways in the area are generally in good condition and meet the demands of modern transportation.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 112 going N-S and State Route 143 running NW-SE.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Worthington, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Worthington is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

Pittsfield Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 2 mi. W of the city, has 2 asphalt runways: 3,496'x 100' and 5,000'x 100'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. The nearest primary commercial service airports, ports and intermodal facilities are in Albany, New York (37 mi.); Hartford, Connecticut (70 mi.); and Boston (140 mi.).



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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